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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/714,673	BEADLE ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Dao L. Phan	3662	

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 August 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-36 and 56-62 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1-36 and 56-61 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 62 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

1. Claims 1-36, 56-61 are allowed.
2. Copies of:

Agee, B.G., "The Property Restoral Approach to Blind Adaptive Signal Extraction"

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Jutten, C. and J. Herault, "Blind Separation of Source, Part I: An Adaptive Algorithm Based on Neuromimetic Architectures,"

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Markus, A.S., Introduction to the Spectral Theory of Polynomial Operator Pencils, Translation of Mathematical Monographs, Vo. 71.

Martin, G.P., "Polarization Based Steering Vector Determination,"

Nandi, A.K., Blind Estimation Using Higher-Order Statistics.

Nikias, C.L. and A.P. Petropulu, Higher-Order Spectra Analysis: A Non-Linear Signal Processing Framework.

Papoulis, A., Probability, Random Variables, and Stochastic Processes.

Rosenblatt, M., Stationary Sequences and Random Fields.

Schott, J.R., Matrix Analysis for Statistics.

Strang, G. Introduction to Linear Algebra.

Van Dooren, P., "Reducing Subspaces: Definitions, Properties, and Algorithms"

Widrow, B. and S.D. Stearn, Adaptive Signal Processing.

are requested for examination.

3. Claim 62 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

As to claim 62, lines 3-5, "determining the angle of arrival...from a fourth order cumulant of the received signal" is indefinite because this is read as a single means claim.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dao L. Phan whose telephone number is (571)272-6976. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Tarcza can be reached on (571)272-6979. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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